

## **CLAIM AMENDMENTS**

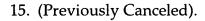


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- 1. (Original) A semi-automatic firearm, comprising:
  - a magazine;
  - a frame with a magazine well for receiving the magazine;
- a slide removably mounted on the frame, wherein the slide may be in a chamber closed position and a chamber open position;
  - a striker firing-pin assembly mounted within the slide;
  - a firing mechanism having a trigger, a trigger bar, and a sear; and
  - an access port disposed in the slide;
- wherein when the slide is in said chamber closed position, said sear is accessible through said access port.
- 2. (Original) The firearm of claim 1, wherein in the chamber closed position, the access port is aligned with the sear.
- 3. (Original) The firearm of claim 2, further comprising:
  - a sear assembly that includes a sear housing and a sear guide;
- wherein the sear is slidably mounted within the sear housing and guided by the sear guide.
- 4. (Original) The firearm of claim 3, wherein said the assembly further comprises a sear spring that biases the sear substantially toward the slide.
- 5. (Original) The firearm of claim 3, wherein the sear assembly further comprises a pivot arm, wherein the sear is slidably attached to the pivot arm and the pivot arm is pivotally attached to the sear housing.
- 6. (Original) The firearm of claim 5, wherein the sear guide extends through a slot in the sear and a sear spring biases the sear into contact with the sear guide.



- 7. (Original) The firearm of claim 5 further comprising a magazine safety that impairs the movement of the firing mechanism so that the firing mechanism cannot be actuated.
- 8. (Original) The firearm of claim 7 wherein the magazine safety comprises a lever that engages a pin attached to the sear when the magazine safety is on, and thereby impairs lateral movement of the sear.
- 9. (Original) The firearm of claim 2, wherein inserting a probe into the access port and moving the sear with the probe permits the slide to be removed from the frame.
- 10. (Original) A semi-automatic firearm, comprising:
  - a frame;
  - a slide removably mounted on the frame;
  - a firing mechanism; and
  - an access port disposed in the slide;
- wherein the firing mechanism is accessible through the access port and can be manipulated to allow removal of the slide from the frame.
- 11. (Original) The firearm of claim 10 wherein the access port is aligned with the firing mechanism when the slide is in a chamber-closed position.
- 12. (Original) The firearm of claim 11 further comprising a magazine safety that impairs the
- movement of the firing mechanism so that the firing mechanism cannot be actuated.
- 13. (Original) The firearm of claim 12, wherein the magazine safety comprises a lever that engages a pin attached to the sear when the magazine safety is on, and thereby impairs lateral movement of the sear.
- 14. (Previously Canceled).



- 16. (New) A semi-automatic firearm, comprising:
  - a frame;
- a slide removably mounted on said frame, wherein said slide may be in one of a closed position and an open position;
- a firing-pin assembly mounted within said slide for selective communication with a hammer of said firearm via a first opening in said slide;
  - a firing mechanism including a sear;
  - a second opening formed in said slide;
- wherein when said slide is in said closed position, said sear is accessible through said second opening.